

## PATRIOTIC DINNER IS PULLED OFF

Meeting of Men's Club Marked by Outpouring of Sentiments Appropriate to Day; Flags Much in Evidence at Feast

## DWYER PRESIDES AS TOASTMASTER

Kayser, Riddle, Smith, Ramey and Cook Furnish Oratorical Part of Program; Fine Spirit of Fellowship Pervades Crowd

"It gets better all the time," was the verdict voiced regarding the Men's Club dinner following the fine feast that was enjoyed Tuesday evening at the Early hotel at which nearly one hundred diners were seated.

In the splendid spirit of good fellowship that was strongly in evidence the "feast" was not different from previous meetings of the club but in one respect it was distinctive. Held upon Decoration Day, it was characterized by the outpouring of sentiments appropriate to the occasion, patriotism being the keynote in most of the speeches. A small American flag was presented to each person present and special attention was paid to "Old Glory" throughout the evening.

Col. T. H. Dwyer, the toastmaster, opened the program with a short speech in which he referred to the flag, telling of what it meant to him to live in a great republic like the United States, and pledging renewed devotion to the banner of stars and stripes to which he paid a glowing tribute. As the first speaker he introduced Mr. J. W. Kayser, who responded to the toast, "Our Honored Dead." After some suitable introductory remarks which caught the crowd, the speaker delivered a short but eloquent address in which he gave to the heroic dead of the nation due praise and pointed out the path of duty to patriots of today. "I rejoice to say," said he pointing to the national emblem, "that this flag was never borne upon a battlefield except for a righteous cause."

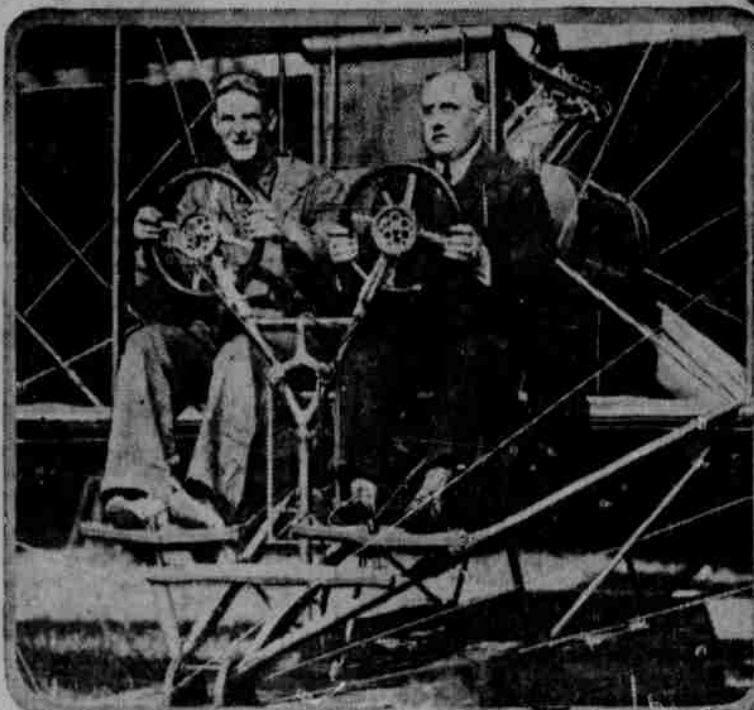
Rev. G. Lyle Smith responded to the toast, "The Anti-Knocker." He paid his respects to those people who never see any good in their fellow-men, telling a good story in which the point was brought out that the other fellow looks small to the knocker "because he is so far ahead of you." Mr. Smith also moved by the spirit of the occasion, joined in the tributes paid to the flag. "Save the mantle of righteousness," when I lie down in my last rest, I could ask nothing better than to be wrapped about with the banner of stars and stripes," said he.

"Bits of Chickasha's History," was the subject assigned to Judge F. E. Riddle, one of the pioneers in the city. The speaker gave some very interesting information about the early days in Chickasha. Before there was a Chickasha, he said, there was a little town called "Pensee" a few miles from the present site of the city. Pensee disappeared from the map after the Rock Island railway was built. Mr. Riddle told about an overland trip which he made from Ardmore to the spot where reports said a great city was about to be founded. That was in the spring of 1897 when Pensee was still in bloom. Very soon after that the building of a town here was begun and the speaker traced in a general way the development of the city to its present proportions, concluding by giving his warmest approval to the dinner club as an agency for promoting the progress of the community. "Friendship and good fellowship are the most important things in the building of a city," said he.

Supt. Ramey spoke on "The Chickasha Schools," making one of his vigorous talks in which he declared that the schools were the most important institution in the city. He closed with an appeal to the voters to go to the polls and support the special levy in the election today, arousing much enthusiasm.

"Water," was the unique subject chosen by Mr. Jonas Cook for his

## PHILADELPHIA MAYOR TAKES FLYER



Mayor Thomas B. Smith of Philadelphia (right) with Aviator Walter E. Johnson in one of the hydro-aeroplanes at the opening of the Glendinning Aviation school at Essington, near Philadelphia.

## CARRANZA MESSAGE IS RECEIVED

By United Press.  
Washington, May 31.—President Carranza's note has been delivered at the state department. It is stated that the note is really only a continuance of the diplomatic correspondence. The note requests the withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico as an evidence of good faith upon the part of the American government.

## Court Martial Unlikely

By United Press.  
San Antonio, Tex., May 31.—It is now thought unlikely that there will be any court martial held upon the Texas militiamen who refused to respond when the state troops were mobilized and federalized. It was announced at headquarters that no names will be given out until after the trials may start. This is done in order that any who may want to muster in before the trials may be spared embarrassment. If any trials are held they will be public.

## PLANS FOR FOURTH TO BE TALKED

According to announcement made by Arthur Ersland, secretary, the Merchants' association will consider plans for the proposed Fourth of July celebration at a meeting that will be held this evening. Mr. Ersland issued the following statement:

"There will be a meeting of the Retail Merchants' association tonight at 7:30 at the Commercial and Farm Bureau office. All members are requested to be present. We want to take up the Fourth of July celebration question, and decide whether to celebrate this year or not; and if so, in what manner. There is some interest among the people in having a patriotic program this year in which the school children, boy scouts and old soldiers of the Blue and Gray would take part. Chickasha has quite a reputation as a place for amusements, and this reputation should be maintained. Come out tonight and let us know what you want."

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight and Thursday, generally fair; continued high temperature.

## Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:  
Maximum, 88; minimum, 67.

## ALL BIDS ARE FOUND TOO HIGH

Board Meets and Opens Proposals for Construction of Junior High School; Going Over Plans to Cut Cost

The members of the Chickasha board of education met yesterday afternoon in the offices of Alger Melton, all members of the board except Mr. Melton present. The meeting was for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of the Junior high school work upon which will commence as soon as the contract shall have been awarded.

There were five bidders present, each with sealed bids to be opened and passed upon. After the bids had been opened, the school board took up the matter of eliminating a number of things in connection with the building, which it was thought could be well dispensed with in the interests of economy. These matters were threshed out with the representatives of the contracting companies, which had submitted bids and with Mr. Smith of the firm of Layton and Smith, of Oklahoma City, the architects, whose plans were accepted and who will act as supervisors of the construction of the building.

It was decided that all bidders should withdraw their bids and meet in the offices of Layton and Smith, at Oklahoma City, today, for the purpose of making a careful canvas of the details which may be eliminated from the structure. Following this the contractors will meet with the board of education tomorrow afternoon, meeting possibly between 2 and 3 o'clock, at which time other and new bids will be submitted and opened.

It was stated this morning that the bids, as submitted to the board yesterday afternoon, were all so high that the board took the action above mentioned, in the interests of the patrons of the school and the taxpayers of the district.

## HIGH HONOR PAID HILL

By United Press.  
St. Paul, Minn., May 31.—The greatest honor ever bestowed upon a private citizen of Minnesota was conferred today in memory of James J. Hill. Flags were unfurled from the state capitol itself at half mast and the public schools were closed. All work in shops stopped and business was suspended during the burial of the railroad magnate at the Hill farm after simple services.

Vicar General Gibbons, Catholic, officiated. All citizens were asked to uncover their heads at 2 p. m. North Dakota also paid honor to Hill in response to a proclamation issued by the governor.

## SCHOOL GARDENS GRADED

One Hundred and Fifty Pupils in Contest; Ten Prizes Awarded, Carlton Moss Receiving First; Estelle Herman, Second

## COUNTY AGENT'S SONS MAKE HIGHEST SCORE

Ferguson Says Garden Plots Better Than in Oklahoma City; Miss Marks Supervisor of Movement in Chickasha Schools

Monday and Tuesday were busy days for the judges in the school garden contest, who visited and graded 150 gardens in Chickasha. The judges were Miss Emma Chandler, state woman agent from Stillwater, and F. F. Ferguson, district agent with headquarters at Lawton. The grading was comparatively low, owing to the late preparation of the seed beds, but this was not the fault of the contestants as the garden movement was not started until in the fall. The school gardens were under the direction of Miss Sally Marks, eighth grade teacher in the high school, who was assisted by County Agent Cooper.

The two highest grades were made by Richard and O. C. junior, sons of Mr. Cooper, their scores being 70, and Allen Cooper fell only two points below, making 68. Although the honor is justly theirs no prizes were awarded the Cooper boys, as it was feared there might be some feeling of unfairness as they had the advice and help of their father. The prizes were therefore awarded as follows:

First prize, \$5.00, to Carlton Moss, 1504 South 4th, age 15, 8th grade pupil, score 69.

Second prize, \$4.50, to Estelle Herman, living near knitting mill, age 14, 8th grade pupil, score 68.

Third prize, \$3.50, to Christine Rice, 1126 South 11th, age 12, 8th grade pupil, score 65.

Fourth prize, \$3.00, to Margery Mays, 11th and Iowa, age 12, 8th grade pupil, score 64.

Fifth prize, \$2.50, to Alice Holmes, 508 South 7th street, age 12, 8th grade pupil, score 63.

Sixth prize, \$2.00, to Bonnie Dolan, living southwest of college, age 13, 8th grade pupil, score 62.

Seventh prize, \$1.50, to Harry Hulett, South 6th, age 15, 8th grade pupil, score 61.

Eighth prize, \$1.00, to Algie Powell, 9th and Pennsylvania, age 13, North school pupil, score 60.

Ninth prize, 50 cents, to Marvin Washburn, South 3rd street, age 13, 8th grade pupil, score 58.

Tenth prize, 50 cents, to Gladys Sharpe, 11th and Illinois, age 13, 8th grade pupil, score 58.

Only two school gardens were graded, the South school receiving the first prize of \$4.00. The North school garden was plowed up before it was graded, those in charge stating they did so because outsiders had helped themselves to practically all of the vegetables.

The following score card, totaling 100 points for a perfect garden, shows how the grading was done:

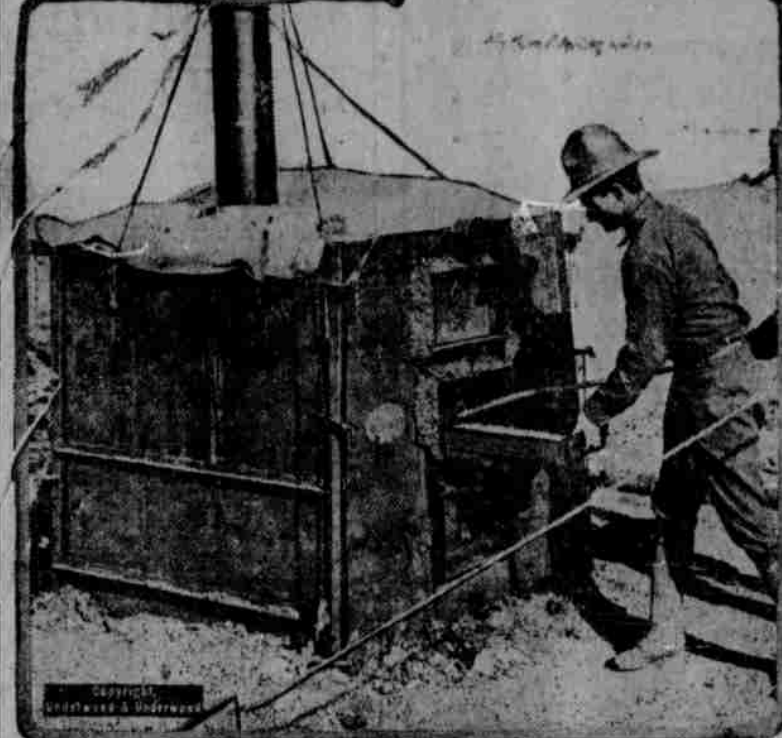
1. Work done to improve the fertility of the soil.....20
2. Preparation of the seed bed.....20
3. Planting and cultivation.....20
4. Production, quality, quantity and utility.....20
5. Neatness in arrangement and general appearance.....20
6. Handicap—Type of soil considered.....20

Final total.....100

The boys and girls have manifested much interest in their gardens during the past year, and will prepare the soil this summer for their gardens next year, summer preparation being the best and receiving the highest score. In addition to the work of grading, the judges gave many helpful suggestions to the owners of the gardens they visited for next year's work. The students with home gardens received credit in their agricultural work at school, for the same.

The bankers and hardware men only were called upon to donate towards the prizes, and they responded

## FIELD BAKERY AT NAMIKUIPA, MEXICO



Field bakery in operation in the American camp near Namiquipa, Mexico. In the various field camps and headquarters of the American forces in Mexico bread is now being supplied direct from the army bakeries. In the early stages of the campaign food was carried from the border to the various camps and depots in motor trucks. The installation of the field bakeries releases these trucks for other important duties.

## FRENCH ARE FORCED TO FALL BACK

Evacuate Woods South of Cumieres; Asquith Holds Out No Hope for Peace; Kitchener is Scored by Churchill

By United Press.  
Berlin, May 31.—It was stated today that the German forces have forced the French to entirely evacuate the woods south of Cumieres, capturing ninety.

No Peace in Sight.

By United Press.  
London, May 31.—In the house of commons today Premier Asquith stated that the recent speech of the German chancellor, von Hollweg, indicated that Germany was not ready to consider peace terms which would safeguard the allies. His statement was taken to imply that there is no hope for peace at present.

Kitchener was bitterly attacked today for former Admiralty Lord Churchill in the house of commons. Churchill discussed a motion to reduce the salary of Kitchener whom he charged with mismanagement, inefficiency and defective organization in the war department, declaring that only one rifle was leveled at the enemy for every six British soldiers.

## ITALIAN IS ARRESTED

By United Press.  
New York, May 31.—Sacreses Roodwood, aged forty, threw bricks at windows in the home of William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., on Fifth avenue.

When arrested the man was found to be carrying a stillito with a four-inch blade. He said he thought the mansion was Rockefeller's and that with three others he plotted to kill Rockefeller because he was forced to work in the subway to prevent his family from starving.

The plotters got cold feet on their plans to shoot Rockefeller. They had planned to bombard the mansion with bricks and shoot Rockefeller as he ran out. The Rockefeller mansion is three blocks from that of Vanderbilt.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Marriage license was issued in the county judge's office today to J. M. Bayless, age 23, Blanchard, and Vera Smith, age 17, Naples.

liberally. The contributions were: Chickasha National bank, \$5.00; Oklahoma National, \$5.00; City National, \$5.00; First National, \$5.00; Farmers' State, \$2.50; O. C. Cooper, \$2.00; Buie & Wallace, \$1.00; Gilkey-Jarvis, \$1.00; Chalfant, 50 cents; Wadsworth & White, 50 cents; Hampton, 50 cents,

## SAYS TAKE P. O. FROM POLITICS

Civil Service Reformer Makes Plea Before Club Women; Preval System of Making Appointments is Strongly Condemned

## ONLY 25 INVITED TO BE MORGAN'S GUESTS

Slight Mix-Up in Plans Puts Chairman of Federation Art Committee in Pretty Pickle and She Politely Backs Out

By United Press.

New York, May 31.—An appeal to two million American clubwomen to help take the post office department out of politics was made by the civil service reformer leader Richard Henry Dana of Boston, before today's session of the Federated Women's clubs national convention here today.

Dana declared the political appointment system has made the United States postal service the poorest and most inefficient in the world.

The remedy Dana suggested was to put every postal service job, from the four assistant postmaster-generals down to the lowliest carrier of a rural route, on a competitive examination basis under strict civil service rules.

The speaker asserted that more than 90 per cent of all postmasterships paying \$1,000 a year or more are changed with every national administration; and that appointees to the big assistant jobs in Washington sometimes are changed twice in an administration. Dana condemned "the vast majority of postoffice appointees" as being "either politicians or broken down failures in business whom some politician desires to foist upon the United States for support and who almost never know or learn anything about the intricacies of the postal service." Dana declared the recent order that all postmasters devote all their time to the postoffice service will only "make their postoffices a political headquarters." He pointed out that we have had fifteen postmaster generals in the last 39 years and suggested a long term appointment. He suggested the division of the country into postal districts, with a division superintendent for each one. In praising the railway mail service, Dana said it was efficient only because it has been under civil service for years. In concluding, the speaker declared that, although our postal service is 60 years behind that of other countries, bills now in congress for its reform are ignored because the people do not rise up and demand that the reforms be put through.

Only 25 of 26,000.

By United Press.

New York, May 31.—Only 25 of the 26,000 women delegates attending the Federated Women's Clubs national convention here will be received today, as guests visiting the famous library in the home of J. P. Morgan. No one knows exactly who those 25 women will be; and thereby hangs a tale.

Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, chairman of the art committee of the General Federation thought it would be nice for the 26,000 delegates to the biennial meeting to visit J. Pierpont Morgan's famous library while they are here.

She early arranged a program which included all the museums, art galleries and some wealthy persons' homes containing objects of interest and felt that the uplift tour would not be complete without a glimpse of Mr. Morgan's collection of books. So she wrote Mr. Morgan and he sent a favorable reply.

It developed that there was a misunderstanding somewhere, and instead of extending the privilege to as many clubwomen as desire to visit the library Mr. Morgan limits the number to twenty-five. He sent out twenty-five engraved invitations for today and left to Miss Jones the task of choosing the lucky twenty-five.

Miss Jones declines. She told Mrs. William Grant Brown, chairman of the

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